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Applicant petitions to extend the period for response to the non-final Office action mailed 10 August 2004 by three months, to and including 10 February 2005. The Director is authorized and requested to charge the fee for the extension (\$1,020) to our Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any additional required fees may also be charged to, and any overcharge may be credited to, the

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